

Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee (RICC)

Meeting Agenda

March 3, 2008

Introductions

Members Present:

Missi Baranko, Becky Herauf, Judy Bender, Darcy Hopfauf, Lori Wentz, Tammy Brumfield, Edna Keller, Joyce Dobitz, Camie Janikowski, Cheryl Anderson, Merrill Fahlstrom, Shonda Wild, Corinne Chruszch, Gilda Lubinski, and Wanda Schweiger

K.I.D.S. Program Update

Jill updated the committee regarding the movement of the K.I.D.S Program out of St. Joseph's hospital. The West River Student Services Board voted to not take the K.I.D.S Program. The committee talked about possible options for the K.I.D.S Program to include Support Systems, Community Options, Keith Gustafson (Peace Garden Consortium), Dickinson Community Action, and Lutheran Social Services of ND. The committee made a decision to draft and complete a letter at the meeting to send to the ND Department of Human Services. See below for a copy of the letter. The members in attendance at the meeting signed the letter and the letter was mailed.

Jill also updated the committee on the current financial concerns. Jill talked about options to help with the budget. One of the options was cutting staff hours. Many members voiced that they did not think this was fair to the staff at K.I.D.S. Other ideas were to contact other resources/funders in the community to see if they would donate money to help cover costs. There was discussion regarding how this could/would work. Jill will be meeting with Claudia (CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital) on Wednesday, the 5th. Currently the K.I.D.S. Program is almost \$9000 over budget.

Letter

March 7, 2008

Ms. JoAnne Hoesel, Director of Disability Services
Department of Human Services
1237 West Divide Ste 1A
Bismarck, ND 58501-1208

Dear Ms. Hoesel:

The Region 8 Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee convened at our quarterly meeting on March 3, 2008. We appreciate the Department of Human Service's efforts to support early intervention services for our region. We respectfully request exploration of all infant development service provider options prior to any final decisions being made.

In addition to the consideration of Community Options and Support Systems, the committee recommends the following agencies be explored: Keith Gustafson/Peace Garden Consortium, Dickinson Community Action, Dickinson State University, and Lutheran Social Services of ND.

We would appreciate your response to our recommendations. The Region 8 RICC is willing to reconvene, via conference call or in person, to discuss the future of early intervention services in our region. It is the goal of Region 8 RICC to find the best long term alignment for the K.I.D.S Program.

Sincerely,

Region 8 Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee Members

cc: Deb Balsdon, DD Program Administrator for Family and Children Services

Harry Miller, DD Program Administrator for Region 7 & 8

Roxane Romanick, Chair of the North Dakota State Interagency Coordinating Committee

Preschool Program Update

WRSS- Corinne reported that they currently have 45 children on IEP's (15 -non categorical and 30 children receiving speech services).

ECC - Cheryl reported that they currently have 50 students on IEP's. Their entire enrollment is 102, so they are close to having 50% of the children in the classroom on IEP's. She said they did 16 assessment plans in February. She also talked about the outcomes they have to start keeping track of.

Experienced Parent Update

Missi updated on the activities that are going on (playgroups and family night out).

Training Opportunities

Cheryl shared that Elaine LaPlante is planning a training on Autism/Aspergers for June 3rd and 4th.

The Pathfinders conference is coming up on May 2nd and 3rd in Minot.

There is an Autism Symposium on March 17th in Minot.

Data

Transition (child count Data)

45 Day timeline

Referral

Eligibility

January 07- March 07	
Eligibility Information	
Automatic/High Risk	1
25/2	14
50	0
Informed Clinical Opinion	4
Not Interested	12
Referred to Right Track	1
Not Eligible	10
No Response	1
Referred to Part B	2
Transferred In	2
Total	47

January - October 07	
Eligibility Information	
Automatic/High Risk	6
25/2	36
50	1
Informed Clinical Opinion	5
Not Interested	24
Referred to Right Track	11
Not Eligible	21
No Response	8
Referred to Part B	4
Transferred In	2
Total	118

45 Day Timeline 1/07-3/07	
No IFSP scheduled yet	2
Not Interested/Not Eligible	27
0-25	0
26-35	6
36-45	8
46-55	1
56+	2
total referrals	46

45 Day Timeline 1/07-3/07	
No IFSP scheduled yet	2
Not Interested/Not Eligible	68
0-25	0
26-35	13
36-45	25
46-55	5
56+	4
total referrals	117

Average Age at Referral	
18	months

Average Age at Referral	
17	months

Referral Source 1/07-3/07		
Right Track	18	39%
CAPTA	4	9%
St. Alexius	1	2%
Medcenter One	0	0%
Physician	10	22%
Parent	5	11%
Social Services (non capta)	0	0%
Health Track	1	2%

Referral Source 1/07-3/07		
Right Track	44	38%
CAPTA	10	9%
St. Alexius	1	1%
Medcenter One	1	1%
Physician	22	19%
Parent	19	16%
Social Services (non capta)	3	3%
Health Track	3	3%

Rehab	1	2%
West River SS	2	4%
Other	1	2%
Other Program	2	4%
WIC	1	2%
Total	46	100%

Rehab	1	1%
West River SS	2	2%
Other	8	7%
Other Program	2	2%
WIC	1	1%
Total	117	100%

7/1/07-12/31/07	
Eligibility Information	
Automatic/High Risk	5
25/2	23
50	0
Informed Clinical Opinion	4
Not Interested	7
Referred to Right Track	7
Not Eligible	13
No Response	6
Referred to Part B	0
Transferred In	0
Total	65

45 Day Timeline 1/07-3/07	
No IFSP scheduled yet	0
Not Interested/Not Eligible	33
0-25	1
26-35	7
36-45	22
46-55	1
56+	
total referrals	64

Average Age at Referral	
17	months

Referral Source 1/07-3/07		
Right Track	22	34%
CAPTA	5	8%
St. Alexius	0	0%
Medcenter One	1	2%
Physician	14	22%
Parent	15	23%
Social Services (non capta)	3	5%
Health Track	0	0%
Rehab	0	0%

West River SS	0	0%
Other	3	5%
Other Program	0	0%
WIC	1	2%
Total	64	100%

The following action steps were discussed briefly – they will need to be discussed again at the next meeting.

Educate physicians on the benefits of early intervention and the differences between therapy and early intervention. (Indicator 2)	May 08	RICC Subcommittee, State Resources (possible brochure), KIDS Staff, EP
Review Home Visit Data. Compare with how other regions are tracking home visits. Need to develop policy related to how home visits are tracked. (Indicator 2)	February 08	EI Program Director, Experienced Parent/RICC Coordinator, EI Staff, Case Mangers
Do a refresher course for EI staff and Case Management on how to complete the Oregon. (Indicator 3)	February 08	EI Program Director, State Technical Assistance Team
Find out more specific information about each individual question on the family survey. (Indicator 4)	May 08	Experienced Parent, State office (for data)
Check with state regarding baseline data information. Pursue options for an ongoing update per county/per region. <u>Possibly check into using the birth registry</u> (Indicator 5)	May 08	RICC Coordinator, KIDS Staff
Educate physicians on things such as torticollis, feeding for suck-swallow-breath, not taking bottle well – so when they refer to direct therapy, they also refer to Infant Development. (Indicator 5)	May 08	Rehab Staff, KIDS staff
Pursue the possibility of presenting to the students in the college nursing program <u>or other university programs.</u> (Indicator 5)	May 08	KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP

Provide info to nurses that do home follow up with new parents – talk with Babykind director. (Indicator 5)	May 08	KIDS Staff, Rehab Staff, EP
KIDS RT and DDCM—will meet to coordinate service delivery between the three programs. (Indicator 5)	Current	Right Track Coordinator, KIDS Program Director, Case Management

If the fiscal agent for the KIDS Program changes, make sure that our community partners, families and the general community are aware of the changes and will that our services will not change. (Indicator 6)		KIDS Staff, Experienced Parent
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Acquire OAE for region from the state so we can do the hearing screening during evaluations and send results to an audiologist to read. Discuss option for Right Track screeners to conduct OAE's as part of their screening process. (Indicator 7)	ASAP	State OFFICE
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